

**HARD TASK FACED
BY TAX ECONOMISTS****Legislative Experts Struggle
With Plan to Save Million
to State.****MOTOR LAWS PROBLEM****Enforcement and Collection of
Taxes May Go to New
Agencies.***Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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The taxation committees of the two houses of the Legislature are now working out details of the plan for saving the \$1,000,000 which Gov. Miller said should be accomplished by reorganization of the Tax Department and consolidation of all the tax collection agencies of the State. The legislation transferring these agencies to the Tax Department already is before the Legislature, but the committees are finding the drafting of the bill providing for their future administration a difficult task.

The Governor's million dollar economy will be effected in this measure through having one force collect the automobile, corporation and income taxes. The work is now done by separate organizations. It is planned to have the automobile tax collected in December instead of February. The same force could then be used to a large extent for the collection of the income tax in March and of the business corporation tax in July. Another big saving is anticipated by the combining of the various income tax and automobile bureaus now scattered throughout the State. For instance, where both these agencies have bureaus in one city they would be put in the same office and under one head.

Ends Fee System.

The stock and mortgage transfer taxes under the unified system will be collected much the same as they are now, but the inheritance tax will undoubtedly be collected by the Surrogates of the various counties. The inheritance tax attorneys and appraisers, who now gather it under a fee system and who form one of the chief patronage props of county political organizations, will be done away with.

The main difficulty which the tax committees are meeting in carrying out the tax plan of the Governor is providing for the enforcement of the automobile law. That duty as well as the collection of the automobile taxes now devolves upon the automobile bureau in the Secretary of State's office. When the bureau is transferred to the Tax Department it may be relieved of many of the enforcement responsibilities. A plan is being discussed by the legislative leaders for turning them over to the police officials of the various cities and counties of the State, to put the distribution of the automobile number plates up to the county clerks. The latter suggestion, it is held, will prove a great convenience to automobilists living in outlying sections of the State, who now have to travel long distances to a branch bureau for their number plates.

For Local Enforcement.

Under the proposed plan the enforcement of the operators' examination and license law would be put up to the local authorities. This law is in effect in New York city, and the Legislature this year is expected to extend it to the entire State. The New York State Automobile Association is unanimously backing such a measure, while other automobile organizations are about evenly divided on the question. The measure is sought to drive reckless and incompetent operators off the highways. They are held mainly responsible for the increasing number of deaths from automobile accidents.

The legislative tax committees have not yet worked out any bill for increasing the motor vehicle tax, as recommended by Gov. Miller, who held that the assessment on motorists should at least pay for the maintenance of the highways. Other organizations generally are opposed to any increase. They declare that if an additional levy is to be placed on motor vehicles it should be imposed on business trucks. They contend that these heavy runlines do the greatest damage to the highways and are not paying their share of the upkeep.

EDWARD VAN ORDEN KILLED.**Run Down by Train at Devon,
Pa., After Visit to Daughter.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—Edward Van Orden, retiring president of the Asphalt Roofing Company, New York city, and a former resident of Montclair, N. J., was killed by a Pennsylvania Railroad train last night at Devon, Pa., where he had been living a year.

He was on his way home from a visit to his daughter, the wife of Charles Trumbull, editor of the *Sunday School Times*. Mr. Van Orden was 75 years old and a member of an old New York family.

**CITY SPECULATORS
CONTROL OPPOSED****Legislators Frown on Proposal
to Transfer Police Powers
to Aldermen.****WALTON BILLS FAVORED****Hearings Set for the Coming
Week on Proposition for
State Regulation.***Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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Strong opposition has developed to the bill presented by Senator Schuyler Meyer, Republican, of New York city, providing that the State transfer its police powers to the Board of Aldermen in New York in dealing with the ticket speculators nuisance in that city.

Senator Walton's bills seeking to regulate the speculators and end the "street barking" are favored generally in the Legislature and apparently have a good chance of passage. There will be a hearing this week on the Walton bills, one of which makes it a misdemeanor for speculators to hawk tickets from hallways and doorways, while another prescribes a penalty for charging more than 50 cents above the box office price for a ticket, and requires all agencies dealing in tickets to take out a license, for which they must pay \$100.

The Meyer bill provides as follows: "Subject to the constitution of the State the Board of Aldermen shall have power to provide for the licensing and otherwise regulating the business of [here naming hackmen, peddlers and others now regulated by city ordinance, and continuing] ticket speculators or other persons selling or offering for sale tickets of admission or any other evidence of the right of entry to any performance or exhibition in or about the premises of any theatre, concert hall, place of public amusement or common show."

Such an amendment to the New York charter would give the Aldermen unlimited authority to deal as they wish with ticket speculators. The legislative leaders are not in favor of transferring the power from their own body. They believe the State law would be more effective than a city ordinance.

While no opposition has developed on the surface to the Walton bills, it is presumed that the speculators' lobby is at work trying to sidetrack the measure. Theatrical managers generally are expected to appear in favor of the bills.

NEW ANTI-BLUE LAW LEAGUE.**Organization Chartered by New
York Men at Albany.***Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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The fourth organization formed to fight any attempt to make Sunday blue than it is was chartered to-day at the office of the Secretary of State. It is the Liberty League of America of New York, and the directors are George C. Craft, Adele S. Eberhardt, Louis Bennett, Harold Van Riper and Harold R. Korey of New York city.

The league will seek to organize citizens throughout the nation to crystallize public opinion concerning blue laws and to fight any legislation deemed unduly restrictive and an "invasion of the vested rights of the citizens of the United States." It will advocate a liberal Sunday law, permitting legitimate amusements.

SUFFRAGE STATUE IN CAPITOL.**Unveiling of Memorial to Take
Place There February 15.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The suffrage memorial statue of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, pioneers in the women's movement, reached the Capitol to-day for unveiling in the rotunda on February 15. Thirty-six national women's organizations gave it as a tribute to their leaders in the long fight for suffrage.

Jane Addams of Chicago will preside at the unveiling ceremony.

BERGER ELECTED, IS REPORT.**Congress Committee Favors Social-
ist in Wisconsin.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Chairman Delinger of the House Elections Committee reported to the House to-night that Henry H. Borenstah had not received a plurality of votes against Victor Berger in the Fifth Wisconsin district and therefore was not entitled to a seat in the present Congress.

About the only question involved was salary. Representative Randall filed a minority report.

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